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NOTE

Netherlands: The Dutch are pressing for a decision on their long-standing request for US propulsion technology in connection with the nuclear-powered submarine they hope to build. The chairman of the defense committee of the Dutch parliament's upper house asked Ambassador Tyler on 3 October about the prospects. He observed that, despite their aversion to it, the Dutch ultimately might have to look to France for technical assistance. He said that France has held out the prospect of providing the needed technology if the Dutch are willing to "pay the price."

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